

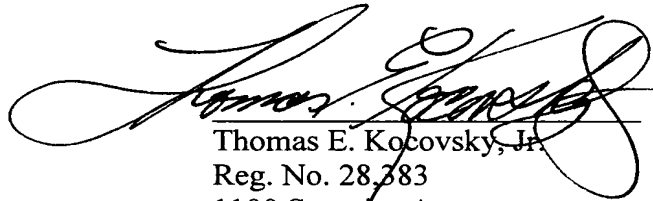
**REMARKS**

This amendment is to remove multiple dependencies from the claims and make minor amendments to the specification to place the application and claims in better form for examination and an early allowance.

An early examination and allowance of claims 1-17 (all claims) is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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